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International Environmental Issues

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I. Institutional Framework for Managing Transboundary Resources

A. Global Institutions

1. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
2. Other United Nations programs
 - a. U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 - b. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
 - c. International Law Commission
 - d. World Health Organization (WHO)
 - e. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
3. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
4. Recent proposals to upgrade UNEP

B. Regional and Other Non-global Institutions

1. United Nations regional organizations: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), etc.
2. European Economic Community (EEC)
3. Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
4. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

C. Institutions Created to Deal with Specific Issues

D. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

II. Overview of Sources of Law for Dealing with Specific International Environmental Issues

A. Customary International Law

B. International Agreements (Treaties, Conventions, Protocols, etc.)

III. Major Substantive Issues of International Environmental Law

- A. Atmospheric Pollution
 - 1. Ozone Depletion
 - 2. Acid Deposition
 - 3. Climate Change
 - 4. Nuclear Pollution
 - 5. Volatile Organic Compounds
 - 6. Weather Modification
- B. Marine Resources
 - 1. Global
 - 2. Regional seas
 - 3. Land-based sources of pollution
- C. Freshwater
 - 1. International Rivers
 - 2. Groundwater
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- E. Antarctica
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 - 1. Rainforests
 - 2. International trade in endangered species
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 - 1. Cultural and Natural Heritage
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- I. Treatment of Developing Countries -- a Cross-cutting Issue